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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): EXPOSURE APPARATUS, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THEREOF AND
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING MICRODEVICE

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Formal drawings (Figs. 1-16; 16 sheets) are attached.
 Use Figure for front page of Publication.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.

An assignment of the invention to NIKON CORPORATION is filed herewith.

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.

Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.

A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____.--

Priority of foreign applications No. 2000-110529 filed April 12, 2000 in JAPAN and No. 2000-125126 filed April 26, 2000 in JAPAN are claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).

Certified copies of the above corresponding foreign applications are filed herewith.

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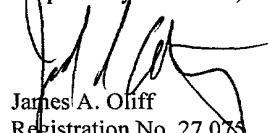
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